

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Al Haig

SUBJECT: Your meeting with Admiral Anderson, Monday, June 13

Purpose of Meeting

You are scheduled to meet with Admiral Anderson for the purpose of deleniating the parameters of the trip to the Far East which the President discussed in his meeting on Friday, June 3rd, in the Cabinet Room.

Background

You will recall that the President told the FIAB that he would like to have those members of the Board that met with him in the Cabinet Room make a trip to the Far East which would include Saigon, Bangkok, Vientiane, Pnom Phen, Djakarta, and Manilla for the purpose of providing the President with a report on their general impressions and with emphasis on the intelligence situation in each of the locations. The President explicitly excluded Governor Rockefeller from the party in view of his forthcoming political activity and requested that the trip be completed before the end of July. I asked Dick Smyzer in John Holdridge's absence to meet with Admiral Anderson yesterday to conduct preliminary discussions on the scope, timing, purpose and itinerary. In general the following framework was agreed upon:

- Group to depart CONUS by end of June or early July.
- Two days in Bangkok.
- One day in Vientiane.
- One day in Pnom Phen.
- Three or four days in South Vietnam with one day in Saigon and the group splitting up for individual visits throughout the countryside for the remainder of the period.
- Two days Djakarta.

- Two days in Manilla.
- Tentative composition of the party:

Admiral Anderson
Frank Murphy
Gordon Gray
Bob Murphy

Talking Points

- You should give Admiral Anderson a definitive charter on the purposes of the trip. I would suggest that you merely ask them for a general appraisal of the situation in each of the locations that they will visit with emphasis on current intelligence and perhaps a comparison between what they found on the ground and what picture is being presented at the national level here in Washington.
- Concerning the composition of the party you will recall that the President inferred that only those who were at the meeting less Rockefeller should be included. I understand that Dr. Baker has already said he can make no contribution and I doubt that Dr. Land or Frank Pace would necessarily make friendly noises. I see no possible problems with the remainder of the FIAB but suggest that we not insist in the light of personal problems which any of the membership might have.
- Coordination of the trip would best be placed under the broad vicarship of the Department of State via the Executive Secretary of the FIAB and staff. Close coordination with our staff should be mandatory because of the interdepartmental nature and White House flavor of the exercise.
- Public relations handling of the trip should be low key and routine. I would suggest that no announcements be made but that responses to inquiries follow this line "the President has asked his Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board to visit the following countries for the purpose of giving him an assessment of the situation in these countries.
- Specific timing should be up to the convenience of Admiral Anderson and his group. It is estimated that the itinerary outlined above will take approximately two weeks.
- Transportation: It is probable that Admiral Anderson will ask for a Presidential dictum which would provide for an Air Force plane to be available for all or part of the trip. This will cost money and will likely draw complaint from Mel Laird. However, a group of this

size performing a function directed by the President would appear to qualify for government transportation and the entire trip be facilitated immeasurably.

Additional Items

Admiral Gaylor

I suggest that you use today's meeting to discuss the transfer of Pat Coin to another agency before the next FIAB meeting. I have informally coordinated with ~~Met Gaylor~~ at NSA and he would be delighted to have Pat. Therefore, I suggest that you and Admiral Anderson agree that this office call Secretary of Defense and tell him that the President has directed that Pat Coin be transferred at the same pay, grade to NSA. I understand that Admiral ~~Gaylor~~ will use Pat as sort of an inspector general for NSA. His transfer may require a Civil Service ruling to authorize another super grade for that agency. I could handle this directly with the director of the Civil Service Commission. In any event, I believe we should move next week to accomplish his transfer. I have talked with Pat Coin informally and he would be delighted with this arrangement and I am sure that Admiral Anderson would be equally delighted have this relinquished from his back.